

Today

"I Hope It Is a Boy."
It Was, George Washington.
He Was a Good Man.
Hired Lawyers Attacked
Him.

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One hundred and eighty-seven years ago today, Mary Ball Washington was expecting her first baby. Many times probably she had said to her husband, Augustine, "I hope it will be a boy." Each time, he, having gone through the performance four times with his first wife, had replied, "Of course, it will be a boy, my dear; don't be nervous. But if it SHOULD happen to be a girl, you must be glad. It is always best to start your family with a girl. Good influence on the boys coming later."

It was a boy, George, whom you know.

George Washington was a real American and removed by less than one hundred years from an immigrant ancestor. This should interest those that would bar out immigrants under the impression that we have nothing more to gain by fresh blood from Europe.

Courageous was Washington. A young man, he undertook to whip England with about fourteen thousand soldiers, and twenty-five hundred stragglers that you couldn't call soldiers. And he did it.

When he was sixty-four years old, without any hesitation, he accepted the command of all troops raised or to be raised in the United States, to fight France if it should be necessary. Fortunately it wasn't necessary.

He was a brave man, living and dying. In that respect you may compare him with brave old Clemenceau. "I die hard," said Washington at the last moment, "but I am not afraid to go."

English, French, Red Indian, Mexican, or old Death himself, George Washington was ready for them all. And he conquered them all, including death, for he can never die.

When Washington died, 120 years ago, Napoleon bound all his flags and standards with crepe for ten days, and the ships of England, NOT including those that George Washington had sent to the bottom, put their flags at half mast.

Frederick the Great had sent him a sword from Potsdam with a complimentary message.

It would give quite a shock to Washington's successor sent that sword back against Germany on the side of England in a war that was to destroy Frederick's family, and that the same successor of Washington, at this particular moment, is deciding whether Germany is to get anything to eat, and how much, if any, of her money she shall be allowed to keep.

You learn without regret—although you don't tell your little boy until he is fifteen—that the story of George Washington and the cherry tree is all made up, never happened, born in the imagination of Mr. Weems, who wrote about Washington and had to invent something to decorate George's dull boyhood.

The truth about Washington is more interesting than anything that Mr. Weems or Munchausen himself could invent.

In view of recent interesting performances, you and Woodrow Wilson will recall today the attacks made on Washington by an assortment of blackguards. Curiously enough, while a few of the powerful men, rich Tories with British sympathies, attacked Washington themselves, not hiding behind the coattails of their lawyers, even in that early day the greater number of Greek and Roman names signed to attacks on Washington hid the names of lawyers practicing at the bar.

On the ship this morning, Woodrow Wilson may be amusing himself thinking about the mud thrown at George Washington. The President must remember with particular amusement that one of the vilest slanderers of Washington was appropriately named Beckley.

Beckley wrote his slanders under the name, "A Calm Observer." He accused Washington of stealing money from the Treasury. Here is a sample of his comment on Washington:

"How can the people feel respect for the rulers who trample on the laws and constitutions of the land? We can learn something about the man (Washington) who has done this thing? Will it not say that the mask of political hypocrisy has been worn by Caesar, by Cromwell, and by Washington alike?"

Mr. Beckley did his best, instigated by those that hired him. But he could learn something about the art of slander if he could come back today and read paid attacks that legal prostitutes of big corporations and income tax dodgers are making on Woodrow Wilson.

President Wilson must be particularly interested at this moment in recalling the attacks made on Washington after he had signed Jay's treaty with England. Looked at in this day, it is a rather hard treaty to swallow.

WEATHER:

Rain tonight and tomorrow. Temperature at 8 a. m. 24 degrees. Normal temperature for February 22 for last thirty years 33 degrees.

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PRESIDENT REFUSES COMMENT ON OPPOSITION OF SENATORS

AGENT KILLED AFTER DEATH GRAPPLE WITH BOOTLEGGER

How William E. Payne, Virginia dry agent and terror of bootleggers, last night engaged in a death grapple with his slayer before he was finally shot down at Rosslyn, was told to The Times today by Katherine Jackson, a negress, believed to have been the only witness to the tragedy.

The slayer sought to hide in the home of the Jackson woman after the shooting, but she "slammed the door in his face and locked it," she says. He rushed into a vacant house next door and is believed to have escaped through a back entrance.

Armed men and deputies from the office of Sheriff Howard Fields, of Alexandria county, are today searching the hills of the county for the negro.

Three arrests have been made. Two of the men were released and the third probably will be given his liberty within the next few hours since the authorities do not believe he had any connection with the crime.

Heard Payne's Warning.

"I was in my home just back from the rear of the Arlington Trust Company, when I heard someone cry out, 'Stop, there, or I'll shoot,' the Jackson woman told The Times.

"When I went to my front door I saw a colored man who was being chased by a white man, suddenly turn and throw up his hands. The white man, Mr. Payne, started toward him, and as he did so, the colored man pulled his hands and flashed a pistol."

Payne rushed the colored man, the woman said, and the two men displayed guns. With their free left hands each grappled the other by the throat.

"I tried to call out that a fight (Continued on Page 2, Column 3.)

ALLIED FORCES ROUT BOLSHIEVIKI

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Defeat of the Bolsheviki forces by allied troops on the Murman front, was reported in the latest official communique received from northern Russia.

"Despite the severe weather allied troops reached Sogolka, sixty miles from Soroka (on the Murman railway). The enemy lost fifty killed and eighty taken prisoner," the statement said. "Our casualties were slight. The material captured included machine guns, rifles, and locomotives."

England kept the right to search our ships.

No American trader could land at Bermuda or any island of the Caribbean Sea owned by the British crown. He couldn't sail up any river or trade at any port in Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, or anywhere in territory owned by the Hudson Bay Company. But British ships could come to any United States port and sail up any river, etc.

They slandered Washington. They told him he was ruining the country. They told him he was disgracing himself and every American. He stood all that quite calmly, as other men worth while have stood abuse. He did what HE thought was wise, consulting himself, as every man worth while must do.

The world celebrates his birthday and forgets his detractors. It pays to have courage and follow your judgment.

HIS DEATH STARTS A CIVIL WAR



DR. KURT EISNER, Bavarian Premier, whose assassination has resulted in civil warfare.

GREER INVITES INDICTMENT, SAYS DAVID

Argument in the strange case of the bakery children was concluded in Juvenile Court this morning about 1 o'clock. Judge Kathryn Sellers took the case under advisement.

The case had been on trial one month, and testimony covering 2,500 pages and going back a generation had been offered.

Levi H. David, counsel for Mr. and Mrs. William A. Greer, who are respondents in the inquiry, offered a series of motions by which he sought to have the case dismissed. He also moved that certain evidence be stricken from the record. Each motion was denied by the court. Exceptions were noted.

The proceedings, while technically not a prosecution, the Greer counsel said, had the effect of a prosecution because of the many serious charges made by witnesses for the District.

"Mr. Greer invites an indictment by the grand jury so that this thing may be threshed out," Attorney David declared.

"If he is guilty of all Assistant Corporation Counsel Barse charges, he ought to be indicted a dozen times," he added.

If the judgment of the court is adverse to the Greers, Attorney David declared, it will be "a judicial declaration."

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BERNSTORFF LAUDS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 22.—Count von Bernstorff, in an interview with the Berlin correspondent of the Handelsblad, strongly supported the League of Nations. As evidence of his belief in arbitrating, he said he "concluded three arbitration treaties with the United States, all of which were rejected by Berlin."

Regarding anti-German feeling in America, von Bernstorff said: "For years before the war, and even afterward, the extraordinarily strong pacifism of the United States produced an anti-German feeling because the Americans believed Germany to be the enemy of all pacific efforts."

CITY WASTES 800,000 GALS. OF WATER DAILY, IS CLAIM

FREDERICK, Md., Feb. 22.—Through defective underground piping systems, with a few thousands as many gallons of water as Frederick is using is daily running to waste, declares City Engineer Emory C. Crum. He has submitted a report to the board of aldermen showing that daily 800,000 gallons of water leak from mains and defective hydrant spigots.

HOW TO MAKE THOSE FAMOUS SALVATION ARMY DOUGHNUTS Next Sunday's New York American will tell why the Salvation Army made such a hit with the American soldiers abroad. Recipes for those famous doughnuts, cakes, pies, biscuits and everything else which were always ready in abundance for the hungry doughnuts, will be printed in next Sunday's New York American. Order now.

CIVIL WAR IN BAVARIA AS THOUSANDS QUIT WORK

ZURICH, Feb. 22.—Violent communist (Bolshevik) riots have broken out in Budapest. Four were killed and twenty-four wounded in a street battle. A state of siege has been proclaimed. Led by Russian and German leaders, the rioters stormed the telegraph office, the railway station, and the plant of the newspaper Nepeza. Later government troops stormed and retook the railway station.

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Civil war has broken out in Bavaria, following the assassination of Premier Kurt Eisner and the shooting of other ministers, according to advices from Weimar, Germany, today, quoting a speech delivered to the national assembly by Philip Scheidemann, minister without portfolio in the new German cabinet.

"The earth is rocking under our feet," said Scheidemann. "Perhaps in a short time there will come a complete collapse."

Riots have broken out in Brunswick, Germany, where a mob of 1,000 men and women stormed the Diet building, said a dispatch from there today.

700 Spartacists Killed.

More than 700 Spartacists were killed in the fighting at Herxleben and Dorsten, according to an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen. The Spartacists are said to have occupied Battrup. New riots are reported in Gotha, Stettin, and Hamburg.

The civil strife broke out in Munich at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon. It is reported in dispatches received here today.

At that hour the church bells were rung and 10,000 workmen marched from the suburbs into the city. Shortly afterward violent fighting broke out. The mob plundered shops and residence. Hundreds of civilians fled from the city. Others were prevented after the Spartacists seized the railway station.

Workmen's dictatorialism have been proclaimed, and Spartacists in armed automobiles are rushing through the streets. Many anarchists are said to have joined them.

War Minister Arrested.

War Minister Rosshaupter, wounded during shooting in the diet chamber, is reported to have been arrested later by the Spartacists. (A Zurich dispatch by way of Paris said Rosshaupter had died from his wounds.)

Spartacists and Majority Socialists are making demonstrations against (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)

TWO MEN HELD AS ASSAULT SUSPECTS

MACON, Ga., Feb. 22.—Two men, giving their names as Charles A. Prentiss and Harry E. Lee, are held here today as suspects in connection with the assault on Miss Julia May Garrett, near her home at Seminary, Va., on February 2.

Prentiss was in a soldier uniform and Lee in civilian clothes when apprehended. They are being held for the arrival of Sheriff J. Robert Allison, of Fairfax county. Both men are said to answer the descriptions of the girl's assailants.

According to the police, the men were arrested on complaint of two local hotelkeepers for the theft of towels. They first stated that they were from northeast Virginia, and had just arrived from Atlanta on their way to Jacksonville, Fla.

The men were held at the suggestion of George M. Sparks, a local newspaper man, who had been following the accounts in the Washington Times of the assault, and was familiar with the description of the assailants.

When questioned by Sparks regarding their movements several weeks ago they refused to talk further.

BOOZE OVERS STOCKING UP BEFORE CITY IS 'BONE DRY'

By BILL PRICE.

For the information of a large number of people in the District who are deeply concerned about what the Reed "bone dry" law is going to do here the following are facts that may be relied on:

The Reed amendment becomes law the day following the signing of the revenue bill by the President.

That is if, he signs it Monday in Boston it is the law of the District of Columbia beginning one minute after midnight, or at 12:01 Tuesday morning. If it is signed Tuesday it is law beginning at 12:01 Wednesday, and so on.

It prohibits any person from ordering, purchasing, or causing to be brought into the District and intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, scientific, or sacramental purposes.

The Supreme Court has held that the man who takes a pint bottle of whiskey into dry territory is guilty of violating the law. That stops any man from bringing into the District from Baltimore or elsewhere whiskey of any quantity for even his personal use.

Will Stop "Bootlegging." Major Pullman, superintendent of police, believes that he will be able to stop "bootlegging" in a few weeks, as the Reed law has been clearly interpreted by the highest courts and the punishment for violation is severe.

Hundreds of persons who ordered whiskey prior to the signing of the law, and the shipments of which may now be on their way to the District, are not violators.

Express and railway companies will violate the law if (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

PENSION BILL MAY PASS THIS SESSION

"Pension and retirement legislation still stands a good show of passing the House at this session. If the bill does not pass this session it is practically certain to pass in the new Congress."

This was the assertion today of Congressman Keating, who is in charge of the bill in the House. Keating and other supporters of the measure are actively at work trying to get it passed in the final week of the session.

The last six days of the session are given over in the House to passing measures under suspension of the rules. The Pension and Retirement bill, in all likelihood, be brought up then.

"The chief question now is whether the matter can be brought to a vote in the Senate this session," said Mr. Keating. "If it can be brought to a vote there is no doubt it will pass. I expect it to be voted on in the House and it will command a majority."

"The important fact is that the movement for pension and retirement legislation has advanced farther this Congress than ever before."

FOR SALE—AUTOS

AUBURN—Seven-passenger; Red Seal Continental motor; car in first-class condition; price \$750 cash. Phone Lincoln 2135, or call at 1215 E. N. E. for demonstration. (Reg. 5056.)

Mr. M. F. Gannett, 1212 C St. N. E., sold his Auburn car through the above ad in The Times. The ad ran only twice.

If you want to buy or sell a car, Phone Miss Reid, Times Used Car Bureau, Main 5260.

Dr. Mary Walker Dies Of General Breakdown

First woman to be assistant army surgeon.
First woman to be a prisoner of war.
First woman to be exchanged war prisoner.
First woman decorated for bravery.
First woman to have privilege of floor of Congress.
First woman legally permitted to wear male attire.



OSWEGO, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Dr. Mary Walker, famous as the woman who was authorized by Congress to wear masculine clothes, died last night. She was eighty-seven years old. Death was caused by a general breakdown. Recently she had been in failing health, and had spent much time at her farm at Bunker Hill, six miles from here, where she died.

Dr. Walker was noted for her habit of wearing a tall hat, frock coat, trousers, a waistcoat and men's shoes. She advocated this dress reform, contending that all women should attire themselves similarly. Dr. Walker was one of the earliest active campaigners for woman suffrage. She was a Democrat.

In the civil war she was an assistant surgeon with the rank of first lieutenant, was captured and held prisoner by the Confederates until exchanged. Later she received the Congressional medal of honor for bravery in the field.

Early in life she married a Rome, N. Y., man. They separated soon.

DANIELS HAS RADIO TALK WITH CHIEF MILES AT SEA

BULLETIN.

ABOARD THE U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—President Wilson refused today to comment on the Senatorial utterances.

It is now certain that the President's speech at Boston Monday will not touch upon the great developments of his trip to Paris.

A number of important wireless messages were received during the day from Washington and from Secretary Lansing at Paris.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels today conferred with President Wilson aboard the George Washington, 700 miles at sea. The conversation was possible by means of the wireless telephone recently perfected by Navy Department experts.

The wireless phone has not yet been perfected to the extent that a "two-way" conversation can be held. Consequently the Secretary was forced to speak without knowing definitely whether his voice was being heard by the President. However, a few minutes after he had "rung off," a radio message was received from the George Washington saying that his voice had been heard perfectly, and that all was going well aboard the vessel.

ATTITUDE OF CONGRESS MAY DELAY PRESIDENT'S SECOND TRIP TO FRANCE

By ROBERT J. BENDER.

ABOARD THE U. S. S. GEORGE WASHINGTON, Feb. 21 (delayed).—President Wilson, while still planning to return to France March 5 or 6, may alter his program, it was learned today. The principal fact that will determine his itinerary is understood to be the attitude of Congress regarding the League of Nations and the pending appropriations bill. He refused to discuss either, however.

Whether the President calls a special session of Congress is also understood to depend on the situation at home, but it now appears that a special session is unlikely before he returns from his second trip. At the dinner to the Foreign Relations Committee of the House and Senate, the President, it was stated today, will explain details of the peace work "some portions of which are necessarily confidential."

PEACE ENVOYS NOW TURN TO LABOR LEGISLATION

PARIS, Feb. 22.—Discussion of the procedure to be undertaken in case a nation fails to carry out provisions of the international labor conference, was adjourned to a later sitting, in view of the difficulty arising in connection with the constitutions of the various countries.

"The next meeting will be held Monday at 2:30."

REED TO TOUR COUNTRY IN SPEECH-MAKING FIGHT ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Senator Reed, Missouri, planned to continue the hostile discussion of the league of nations today.

Reed intends to emphasize the point (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

FREE IRELAND 'TIGER' MAY BE CONCLAVE ON JOB AGAIN IN PHILA. MONDAY

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Feb. 22.—Notables in all walks of life are here today to attend the Irish national convention, which was opened at noon. All of the hotels have refused to accept any more reservations, while the Bellevue-Stratford and the other large hostilities are setting up hundreds of cots to accommodate the overflow. The original 5,000 delegates is likely to be troubled.

Prominent among the arrivals were Senator Walsh of Massachusetts, Senator Borah of Idaho, Congressman Joseph McLaughlin, Governors Sproul and Smith, of Pennsylvania and New York, respectively; Justice Cohan, of New York; the Very Rev. Peter E. Maginnis, assistant general of the Carmelite Order, and Diarmuid Lynch, national secretary of the Friends of Irish Freedom.

Cardinal Gibbons, of Baltimore, is to arrive today. He will speak at (Continued on Page 15, Column 3.)

PARIS, Feb. 22.—Premier Clemenceau, providing he continues to improve as at present, will be able to resume his duties as chairman of the peace conference Monday, it was stated today.

The slight rise in the premier's temperature was believed to be due to his exertions yesterday afternoon. He eats heartily and the pain of the wound is said virtually to have departed. His physicians are understood to have agreed that no attempt will be made to remove the bullet at present, and that there may be no necessity for an operation later.

Although Emile Cottin, his assailant, maintains the attack was undertaken solely on his own responsibility, the authorities continue to search for possible accomplices. They have questioned practically every known anarchist in the city and the investigation is said to have extended to other French centers.

The premier did not go to bed last night, it was stated, but slept in an arm chair.